GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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BELLARY AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to improve the infrastructure facilities at Bellary Airport in Karnataka;and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the schedule for completion of these projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) The existing non-operational airport at Bellary belongs to the Government of Karnataka. Its runway 12/30 is having a dimension of 3400 feet x 60 feet. At the request of the State Government, an Airports Authority of India (AAI) team carried out a feasibility study for upgradation / extension of the runway for operation of ATR and higher categories of aircrafts. The study has found that extension of the runway is not possible due to Tungabhadra high level canal on the western side and a hillock coming in the approach of runway 30 on the eastern side. The AAI team also examined the possibility of construction of a new runway 15 / 33 as suggested by the State Government. The team found that it would not meet ICAO specification of 95 per cent usability factor for runway system as established by the wind analysis.

(b) Does not arise.